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IN THE COURSE OF A CALL ON UNDER SECRETARY PORTER ON MARCH
28 IRANIAN AMBASSADOR ZAHEDI SAID THAT HE HAD BEEN SOMEWHAT
PUZZLED BY THE LANGUAGE OF THE USSR- IRANIAN COMMUNIQUE OF
MARCH 18, 1973 IN ITS REFERENCE TO A COLLECTIVE SECURITY
SYSTEM IN ASIA AS IT APPEARED TO DEPART FROM LANGUAGE IN
THE USSR- IRANIAN COMMUNIQUE OF OCTOBER 1972 SO HE HAD
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QUERIED THE SHAH DIRECTLY. HE SAID THAT HE HAD JUST RECEIVED A RESPONSE WHICH HE WANTED TO GIVE US IN THE SHAH'S OWN WORDS WHICH ARE AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE

1. IN PRINCIPLE, AS FAR AS THE IMPERIAL GOVERNMENT IS CONCERNED, THE ATTAINMENT OF THE COLLECTIVE SECURITY IN ASIA IS NOT POSSIBLE WITHOUT THE PARTICIPATION OF ALL THE COUNTRIES OF THIS CONTINENT, PARTICULARLY CHINA.
2. THEREFORE IT FOLLOWS THAT IN ANY CONFERENCE ON THE QUESTION OF THE SECURITY IN ASIA, THE PARTICIPATION OF ALL THE COUNTRIES OF THIS CONTINENT IS NECESSARY.
3. THE CONVENING OF THIS CONFERENCE MUST BE PRECEDED BY CAREFUL PRELIMINARY PREPARATIONS SO THAT THE GROUND IS WELL PREPARED FOR ACHIEVING THE DESIRED AIM.
4. WE HAVE NOT DISCUSSED THE SUBSTANCE OF THIS MATTER WITH THE SOVIET AUTHORITIES AND ONLY TALKED IN GENERALITIES ABOUT THE IDEA OF ESTABLISHING A COLLECTIVE SECURITY SYSTEM IN ASIA. UNQUOTE. ROGERS

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